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AGRICULTURAL PLANS FOR 2D QUARTER 1949 -- Szabad Nep, No 77, 2 Apr '49

Plans for the second quarter 1949 call for agricultural investments of approximately 245 million forints as compared with 169 million forints for the first quarter. The largest item in the agricultural plan is 66,300,000 forints for mechanization, which compares with 40 million forints invested for such a purpose in the first quarter.

During 1949, 70 new agricultural stations will be set up throughout the country, all of which will have more machinery, and machinery with greater capacity. In addition to tractors, the machine stations will have tractor-plows, drill plows for sowing, bean and pea threshing machines, sorters, grinders, motorcycles, trucks, etc.

For irrigation projects, 22,800,000 forints will be invested in comparison with 12,500,000 forints invested in the first quarter. This is in addition to approximately 3 million forints for the Danube-Tisza Canal project. Among the other investments are 29,900,000 forints for livestock development and improvement and 12 million forints for rural housing.

TRACTOR PRODUCTION TRIPLED IN YEAR -- Szabad Nep, No 7, 31 Mar 49

The Hofherr Tractor Plant investment of 24 million forints will increase production capacity so that by the end of the year monthly production is expected to be 250-300 tractors. The large production increase is shown by comparing the 51 tractors completed in March 1948 with 160 tractors produced in March 1949. Production plans include the manufacture of four-cylinder Diesel-motor tractors. Work is already in progress on experimental models which are to be completed by 15 June.

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COLLECTIVE WORKER AGREEMENT FOR STATE FARMS -- Szabad Nep, No 75, 31 Mar 49

At a conference of members of DEPOSZ (National Union of Working Peasants and Agricultural Laborers), Gyula Racz, Secretary General, Mihaly Erdel, Vice President, and Mihaly Gyori, head of the wage section, discussed the provisions and importance of the new collective agreement. Members were asked to take the Soviet sovkhoz as their model. Among other things, the collective agreement provides for 25 days of paid vacation, 8 paid holidays, a half hour for lunch, a day of rest, overtime pay for extra work, equal pay for equal work, and social insurance. The workday will be 10 hours from 16 April to 15 October and 8 hours from 15 October to 15 April. The collective agreement also provides for minimum hourly wages of 1.26 to 2.30 forints.

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